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1. REFTEL A IS UNCLEAR WHETHER HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND MEETING AT AIRPORT REQUIRED OF EMBASSY OR OF MOHAMMAD SAADI. IF FORMER, AS WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INFORMED FREQUENTLY, SEE REFTEL B, WE HAVE GRAVE DOUBTS THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS. REFTEL A WAS PASSED TO MCARTHUR IN RIYADH BY TELCON, AND HE WILL COORDINATE WITH MOHAMMAD SAADI.

2. WE ARE, OF COURSE, PLEASED WHEN ARRANGEMENTS OF THIS KIND CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT IN A WAY WHICH RELIEVES THE EMBASSY OF THE NECESSITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. IF SUCH CONTACT REQUIRES SERVICES AT SHORT NOTICE FROM US, HOWEVER, CHANCES ARE VERY GOOD THAT WE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT WISH TO HAVE AN EXPERT, DETAILED ROLE IN DETERMINING THE ADVISABILITY OF A PARTICULAR ADVISOR OR ADVISORS, BUT IT MUST HAVE AN ADVANCE ROLE IN THE PREPARATION FOR EACH ADVISOR'S TRAVEL WHEN IT IS ULTIMATELY CALLED UPON FOR SUPPORT. FOR THIS REASON WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY ISISTED ON A TWO-WEEK WAITING PERIOD AFTER EMBASSY APPROVAL OF AN ADVISOR OR TEAM, AND BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE EXPERTS. WE RECOGNIZE THE DESIRE OF

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HASTE, BUT IT IS FAR BETTER FOR EXPERTS TO ARRIVE AFTER

ADVANCE PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED. OTHERWISE MUCH OF
THEIR EARLY EFFORTS IN-COUNTRY WILL BE DISSIPATED BY
ROUTINE PROBLEMS OF HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, ETC.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM VARIOUS WORKING PARTY
GROUPS THAT EMBASSY REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS
NOTICE AFTER APPROVAL OF AN EXPERT OR TEAM BEFORE THE
ARRIVAL OF EXPERTS IF ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO BE MADE.
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